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4 January 1950

The Honorable John C. Wiley  
American Ambassador to Iran  
Tehran, Iran

Dear John:

Janie and I were most pleased to hear from you again and receive your warm regards and greetings. We trust that your Christmas was merry and that the year ahead will be pleasant and prosperous for you both.

The man you mentioned in your letter is no longer in our employ but, in view of his language ability and knowledge of and broad experience in the area, is currently being considered for employment, not in your district, however. Almost simultaneously with the receipt of your letter, I was informed that derogatory remarks were alleged to have been made but no further information was available. Since he is under immediate consideration for a job in another area, in order better to assess his character, discretion, worth to us, etc., I would appreciate hearing, before your visit to the States, the details of the information available to you concerning his statements, conduct, and reputation.

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We are looking forward to your return this winter.

Janie joins me in best wishes to Irena and yourself,

Always sincerely,

/s/; Dispatched via ADSO 1/4/50

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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